

APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	June 13, 2005
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Rene Briones, Miljon Buquing, Kayci Nguyen, Nawal Stanojevic, Fred Zeise
Staff: Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva

Absent: Bill Reisinger, Eugene Simmons, Vice Mayor Armando Gomez

Quorum was established.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Janice Nadal reported on the City Council Commission appointments in May. Commissioner Buquing moved from Alternate # 1 to member, Commissioner Nguyen moved from Alternate # 2 to Alternate #1, and Commissioner Eugene Simmons is now Alternate # 2.

Ms. Nadal also reported the Fourth of July parade is still accepting applications for entries. The applications are due June 24, 2005. Commissioner Briones stated that the Boy Scouts will be hosting a float. The parade is on Monday, July 4th on Main Street.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION to approve the June 13, 2005 agenda
Commissioner Briones requested to add the May 19, 2005 Bike to Work Day to the agenda.

Motion to approve the June 13, 2005 as amended/Second:
Stanojevic/Buquing
All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes of April 11, 2005.

M/S: Stanojevic/Buquing
All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no citizens present

VII. TOPICS

Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Amendment to the Bicycle Master Plan

Ms. Nadal reported the Bicycle Master Plan will update with the General Plan amendments in August. The changes consist of the extension of Evans Road Bicycle lane and the removal of bicycle lanes on Main Street and adding bicycle lanes on Abel Street. Staff Joe Oliva

reported that there were text changes made to the Bicycle Master Plan when the City Council approved the Midtown Specific Plan, but an amendment to the circulation element of the General Plan is needed; a procedural administration action. Since there is a cycle to amending the General Plan, the changes will occur in August.

Report on Safety

There were no agenda items for this topic. The Commission took this opportunity to ask staff questions on current safety-related topics in the City.

Commissioner Briones requested the schedule for the completion of Evans Road. The road appears to be graded and rough, but not slurry-sealed yet. The graded and the graded road caused a jolt when bicycle riding, according to Commissioner Briones. The apparent lingering schedules is a safety concern to the Commissioner. Staff will check with Engineering or Public Works and report back to Commissioner Briones.

Commissioner Stanojevic commented the paths near Gill Park . (Near the Hetch Hetchy) used to have nice dirt paths and now they are all paved. For walking and hiking, the pavement seems to be harder on the knees and legs instead of the dirt trail. There is also pavement near the Berryessa Creek pedestrian bridge. Staff will review the Trails Master Plan and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Zeise stated that traffic on Calaveras Blvd westward seems to be heavier and due to signal light synchronization. Mr. Oliva reported that Traffic Engineering has a grant for a traffic signal retiming project, including Calaveras Blvd and other corridors. Commissioner Zeise requested Mr. Oliva to do a 15-minute talk regarding optimizing traffic and minimizing exhaust pollution by increasing the flow of traffic. Mr. Oliva stated that he can invite Traffic Engineering Division's Jaime Rodriguez as he is directly working with the traffic signal retiming project and works in general traffic operations. Mr. Oliva said maybe in the next few meetings, if data is available from the signal retiming project, they can present this to the Commission.

REPORT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS

Bike Map on the City's Website Update

Ms. Nadal reported Information Services staff is still working on the project.

Future Bicycle Education Outreach Projects

Commissioner Briones summarized in a handout the suggestions and ideas that were formed from previous BTAC meetings.

<The attachment is included with the minutes for review.>

Commissioner Nguyen asked if there is data on how many students bike to school. Ms. Nadal stated a study was done to the Escuela Parkway schools

with a recent count of walking, biking, and dropped off to school, however not all the schools were counted. Ms. Nadal will forward the Commission the Escuela Schools Traffic Study Report.

Mr. Oliva proposed the Commission utilize these ideas and form into a Work Plan for the following year. A work plan can be shared with City Council to approve and to implement programs. Should the Commission have priorities and applicable costs listed in a work plan, they may ask the City Council to appropriate a budget to implement these projects. The Commission was agreeable to place this top on the next meeting agenda. Staff will assist in preparing a draft of the work program for the commission.

Bike to Work Day, May 19, 2005

As requested to add to the agenda. Ms. Nadal reported that it was a rainy bike to work day with about 40 participants that either stopped or biked by at one of the three energizer stations. Due to the weather, the number of participants were low. On average, Bike to Work Day usually has close to 100 participants bicycling through Milpitas.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Milpitas Art and Wine Festival, August 20 and 21st

Ms. Nadal reported she has made contacts with the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) to participate in the Art and Wine Festival by hosting the bicycle corrale again. The Commission would like to also have an adjacent booth with bicycle information to distribute. With Commission approval, and commitment to staff the booth, City staff will inquire with the Chamber on getting a booth. Ms. Nadal will forward a schedule to the Commissioners to sign up and volunteer. The time is from 10am-6pm. Transportation Planning will look at their inventory of bicycle information and giveaways as well as check with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition for giveaways.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

M/S: Stanojevic/Zeise
All Ayes

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2005.

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Janice Nadal/
Transportation Planning

- Contact Engineering and/or Public Works regarding the paving on Evans Road.
- Review Trails Master Plan regarding paving near Gill Park/Berryessa Creek Bridge project (near the Hetch Hetchy)
- Coordinate with Traffic Engineering to report on the Signal Retiming Project.
- Update the Commission on the posting to the Bicycle Map on the City's website
- Create a draft work plan based on Commissioner Briones proposed Bicycle Education Outreach Action Items.
- Contact the Chamber of Commerce to reserve a booth adjacent to the bicycle corrale for the August 20 and 21, 2005 Milpitas Art and Wine Festival.